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SUBJ: MACEACHEN-KISSINGER MEETING AUGUST 17-18

1. THE FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED MATERIAL FOR A TOAST
BY THE SECRETARY AT HIS DINNER FOR MIN. MACEACHEN,
AUGUST 17:

BEGIN TEXT. TOM ENDERS TELLS ME THAT OTTAWA IS PRACTICALLY
DESERTED NOW THAT AUGUST, THE TRADITIONAL VACATION MONTH,
HAS ARRIVED. HAD THAT COME FROM ANYONE ELSE, I MIGHT HAVE
SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS AN EXCUSE TO JUSTIFY TAKING TIME
OFF FROM HIS MISSION TO GO ON LEAVE HIMSELF. IN
TOM'S CASE, I CAN ONLY MARVEL AT THE INGENUITY OF THE
CANADIANS IN DREAMING UP SUCH A STORY TO GET TOM OFF
THEIR BACKS FOR A FEW WEEKS. I MUST APOLOGIZE TO MY
CANADIAN FRIENDS EITHER FOR UPSETTING THEIR LITTLE
RUSE FOR GAINING RESPITE FROM ENDERS OR FOR, IN FACT,
INTERRUPTING THEIR VACATIONS. THAT LATTER FORM OF MY
APOLOGY IS INDEED PERTINENT IN THE CASE OF OUR GUEST
OF HONOR, ALLAN MACEACHEN. ALLAN HAD MANAGED TO
STEAL A FEW DAYS FROM HIS HEAVY -- MAY I SAY OLYMPIAN --
SCHEDULE OF SHUTTLING BETWEEN OTTAWA RECEPTIONS OF
VISITING VIPS AND MEETINGS IN OVERSEAS CAPITALS.
INDEED, ALLAN, IF YOU DON'T SLOW UP, I CAN ASSURE YOU
FROM EXPERIENCE THAT YOUR CANADIAN JOURNALIST FRIENDS
WILL SOON BE CALLING YOU "SUPER MAC." AT ANY RATE ALLAN
HAD MANAGED TO FIND A FEW DAYS TO SPEND IN HIS
NATIVE CAPE BRETON ISLAND WHEN MY WELL-KNOWN AND LONG-

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SUFFERED SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES FINALLY RESOLVED

THEMSELVES TO THE EXTENT OF MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RE-SCHEDULE FOR THIS TIME AND PLACE THE MEETING WITH ALLAN THAT WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE LAST MONTH IN MONTREAL. INCIDENTALLY, NANCY, WHO WAS ABLE TO ACCEPT ALLAN'S KIND INVITATION TO GO TO MONTREAL, TELLS ME THAT HE EXCEEDED EVEN HIS HIGH STANDARD OF HOSPITALITY BY ARRANGING SOME SUPERB ATHLETIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR HER -- INDEED, I GATHER THE PARTY WAS SUCH A SUCCESS THAT SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAVEN'T GONE HOME YET* AT ALL EVENTS, IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE TOPICS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING TOMORROW -- AN IMPORTANCE I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SHARE -- THAT ALLAN WAS WILLING TO INTERRUPT HIS CAPE BRETON VACATION TO COME HERE. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT I FAILED TO MAKE THE INVITATION TO DINNER TONIGHT EITHER "COME AS YOU ARE" OR "NATIVE DRESS": THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA CLAD IN A KILT WOULD HAVE CROWDED EVEN THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION OFF THE FRONT PAGES OF WASHINGTON NEWS-PAPERS. I WOULD NOW LIKE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN DRINKING TO MINISTER MACEACHEN'S GOOD HEALTH AND TO OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN MANAGING THE IMMENSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: EUR/CAN MAY WISH TO ADD MORE SUBSTANTIVE MATERIAL TO THE FOREGOING.
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